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SUBJ: MULTILATERAL EXAMINATION OF US DPQ REPLY

REF: A. USNATO 4362; B. USNATO 5485

1. IS DIRECTOR FORCE PLANNING (BRABAND) CONTACTED MISSION OFFICER ON OCTOBER 16 TO ASK THAT US SCHEDULE MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, AS DATE FOR DRC MULTILATERAL EXAMINATION AT NATO HEADQUARTERS OF US DPQ REPLY. HE SAID HE HAD SUGGESTED THIS DATE DURING HIS RECENT VISIT TO WASHINGTON FOR TRILATERAL EXAMINATIONS, AND NOW WISHED TO CONFIRM IT.

2. BRABAND ALSO NOTED THAT IS IS URGING COUNTRIES TO HAVE NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT AT MULTILATERAL EXAMINATIONS WHO ARE IN A POSITION TO DISCUSS POLICY QUESTIONS RELATED TO THEIR COUNTRIES' FORCES. HE SAID IS IS MAKING STRONG EFFORT THIS YEAR TO ELIMINATE DISCUSSION OF DETAILS IN MULTILATERALS, AND TO EMPHASIZE POLICY MATTERS DURING THOSE SESSIONS. HE ADDED THAT VIRTUALLY ALL COUNTRIES HAVE AGREED TO THIS APPROACH;
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FOR EXAMPLE, FRG HAS AGREED THAT ADMIRAL TREBESCH OF FMOD WILL OPEN GERMAN MULTILATERAL IN BRUSSELS (SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 24) WITH STATEMENT ON CURRENT FRG ARMED FORCES POLICY.

3. BRABAND SAID CANADIAN MULTILATERAL WOULD BE ALSO SCHEDULED ON NOVEMBER 4; HE OFFERED US CHOICE OF MORNING OR AFTERNOON SESSION.

4. COMMENT MISSION BELIEVES IS EFFORT TO CONCENTRATE ON POLICY IN MULTILATERAL EXAMINATION OF COUNTRY FORCE PLANS IS USEFUL INITIATIVE. WE RECOMMEND THAT WASHINGTON FORM ITS DELEGATION WITH THAT END IN MIND. END COMMENT. ACTION REQUESTED: PROMPT WASHINGTON AGREEMENT TO NOVEMBER 4 DATE, AND TO "POLICY-ORIENTED" APPROACH, AS WELL AS WASHINGTON PREFERENCE CONCERNING MORNING OR AFTERNOON SESSION. WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE NAMES OF WASHINGTON PARTICIPANTS IN MULTILATERAL, SO THAT WE CAN MAKE NECESSARY ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS.MCAULIFFE

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